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INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 788

TO: Iowa Medicaid Independent Lab Providers
DATE: March 16, 2009
ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise
RE: Billing for BRCA testing

The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) has noted that some laboratories are providing BRCA1 and BRCA2 testing for Iowa Medicaid members and billing with CPT codes 83891, 83898, 83894, 83904 and 83912. The following CPT codes are specifically definitive of the BRCA1 and BRCA2 tests and should be billed instead:

S3818 – BRCA1
S3819 – BRCA2
S3820 – BRCA1 and BRCA2

Effective immediately, you should use the above CPT codes when billing for this specific testing purpose. You should be advised that these codes require prior authorization. Such authorization may be obtained by contacting the Medical Services PA unit at the IME. Information may be found at the IME Provider Home page at: <http://www.ime.state.ia.us/Providers/Contacts.html>. The general requirement for payment for these codes can be explained by staff at the Medical PA unit. It would be to your advantage to have referring providers submit the PA request and pass along the PA number to you for billing purposes.

Continued use of the lab codes in the 80000 range noted above may result in denial of claims if the purpose is BRCA1 and BRCA2 screening. However, those codes will be left open because they may be used for other purposes.

If you have any questions, please contact IME Provider Services, 1-800-338-7909, locally 515-725-1004 or by e-mail at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us